

AGRICULTURAL.

Hood Crops and Labor.

Hood crops are the most costly in labor of any which the farmer grows. Therefore they should be the most profitable. The greatest difficulty which the farmer in this country has to contend with, in order to make his business profitable, is the price of labor. And as he is obliged to bestow a great deal of this upon his hood crops, he should take care, by judicious management and use of the products, to make this outlay of capital remunerative. How to do this should be a subject of much thought.

Corn and potatoes are the two most largely grown and important of this class of products. One rule will apply to both, which the wise farmer will set upon it, to obtain as large a yield as possible from each acre planted. This will diminish the amount of labor in proportion to the product obtained. Every bushel will therefore cost less than when the yields small. The next important point is to get the best return for the crop. As corn is the great reliance of the stock feeder in this country, and manure from stock is essential to grow continued large crops, it is obvious that skillful feeding to stock is the most remunerative disposal that can be made of the corn crop. Hence good breeds, ample shelter and proper care are indispensable adjuncts. In short, if labor has cost you too much, raise to plant less ground, but raise more per acre. This can easily be done if you will only set about it. Next, determine that your corn shall produce more pounds of meat per bushel than heretofore. This you can accomplish by a timely and judicious selection of improved breeds of stock, and more skill employed in handling them. No farmer should be satisfied if he cannot improve every year on his past methods. Thought and energy applied to your business will do this.

The potato crop is usually sold for cash, and this produces no manure for the land. For this reason it is a very exhausting crop, and no farmer can persist long in growing to largely without impoverishing his land.

On account of their bulk potatoes cannot be grown profitably a great distance from market. On the right sort of land, and near market, they usually produce a great deal of money per acre, and potato growers should devote part of the proceeds of the crop towards the purchasing of manure to renovate the land. Plant less, manure more, and your labor will bring greater profit.

Potato growers being near the line of transportation, could convey manure to their land cheaply.—*Rural New Yorker.*

Thinning out Fruit.

It may be considered somewhat early to make suggestions on the subject of thinning out fruit, but it can never be too early to give good advice, and we think that a pear and peach trees are beginning to show their product, the thinning out process may be begun at almost any time.

It is true the operation can be performed conveniently only upon such trees that are not over large. But it should be especially attended to in young trees, which frequently over-bear, to the great injury of the health of the tree, as well as the quality of the fruit. To obtain the finest specimens of pears, they should not be allowed to grow in clusters or in contact with each other, and all that exhibit the least imperfection should be removed. What is lost in number will be doubly made up in size and flavor. This should be remembered. Many persons regard the thinning out of peaches, pears and apples as so much loss; but they are not judges of fruit, and have no knowledge of its proper culture. They want as large a crop as possible, letting the quality take care of itself; no matter how much the tree is damaged and what effect it may have on the following year's crop.

On some of our own pear trees last year we removed three-fourths of the entire crop, and afterwards found the tree to contain more than would be advisable.

It goes hard with some people to diminish the quantity of fruit upon their trees. Sometimes they plead want of time; but this is not admissible, for if they have not time to attend to the proper cultivation of fruit they should abandon it altogether.—The real cause is their greediness. You can make them believe that they are the gainers by destroying a portion of the crop, saying that nature is the best judge as to the quantity of fruit. Such persons have no practical knowledge of fruit raising, and the sooner they give it up the better it will be for them, their pockets and reputation.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

Tan Bark for Potatoes.

The subject is brought before the farmers of England, by a communication in the *Mark Lane Express*. M. R. B. Bamford claims thirty-five years practice and experience in this matter; and has issued a pamphlet giving his method of using it, which is in brief the following: He does not eat his potatoes for setting, but sets them whole, and the larger he can select. The rows are thirty inches apart, and the potatoes are put nine inches from each other in the row. The land is plowed only eight inches deep, treads the manure firmly in the furrow, puts in the tubers, and covers them in with ten refuse, nine inches deep, instead of earthing up. In this way he reports that in 1857 he raised 675 bushels of potatoes—not a rotten one among them—to the acre, with nothing but waste tan as a covering. This is of great importance, the tan being refuse of little or no value, and if it can be put to so important and advantageous a use as in this case, should be widely known and practiced.

PEACHES.—The *New Jersey Journal* says, we are glad to hear that there is a prospect of a fair crop of good peaches for the ensuing season. Last summer and fall, peaches were scarce, poor and dear. The season of 1855 furnished a large crop, as good in quality, as plentiful in quantity. If the popular opinion that good fruit crops are obtained every other year is right, this is to be a plentiful year. The peach growers of Delaware and Maryland, as well as New Jersey, anticipate full crops, and we learn that the shippers of peaches to the New York market have made arrangements with the railroad companies to send seventy-five cars of peaches daily during the season. This is good news for all who are fond of good peaches—and who is not?

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W. G. GILMORE,
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Bloomsburg, June 15, 1867.

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